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1. The Chinese Communists appear to have won the active sympathy of the great majority of the Chinese population of Mukden. In the two-week period since the city fell to the Communists, the common Chinese attitude has changed markedly from one of fear of the Communists, evidenced by the wholesale flight of civilians from the area before the Communists arrived, to a preponderantly pro-Communist feeling. The common people, worried and depressed during the period of Nationalist occupation, now appear to be happy, and the atmosphere in the still crowded market places has changed from tension to jovial, friendly bargaining.

2. This change has not been brought about through Communist propaganda, but rather through the simple fact that the Communists have made food available to the people at prices they can afford to pay. The Communists have recognized the apparent fact that only a small portion of the Chinese people of the area want to continue fighting, and that the great majority is interested only in its daily requirements of food and clothing. As a consequence, when the Communist propaganda machine does start to function, it will find a well-fed and sympathetic Chinese audience.

3. This attention to the economic welfare of the populace has contributed to the Communist military successes. In the favorable climate of opinion created by their economic measures, the Communists completely secured the Mukden area in less than ten days, thereby releasing for action elsewhere all but a minimum number of service troops. As a result, it would probably be impossible for the Nationalists to wage guerilla warfare in the area, because sympathetic informers would report to the Communists any move by Nationalist troops.

The Communists continue to maintain a correct attitude toward foreigners, with no evidences of anti-British or anti-French propaganda. The Communist soldiers, as well as the city populace, remain friendly toward individual Americans.

However, a large volume of oral and written anti-American propaganda exists, with two major themes. These are:

a. Opposition to continued American aid to the Nanking government, as fostered by American imperialists, with the warning that America is the master of CHIANG's government.

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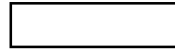
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b. Opposition to American policy in Japan, with the contention that America is rebuilding the Japanese empire for military reasons.

6. This propaganda is disseminated orally by small groups of twenty or fewer persons bearing banners and shouting slogans, and in writing by means of newspapers and signs painted on walls.

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